IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Customer No. : 23911

Title : Production of a Dve Agent for Coloring Cells in the Human

or Animal Body

REPLY

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2007. An extension of the deadline for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. No additional claims fees are due.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.